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**ON THE COVER:** \_\_\_\_\_



8th dawning with bright sun, no precipitation, no clouds and temps in the low 40's. Grab the Bimmer keys and game on!

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**Jaunting Bimmers of January:** January is always an uncertain month in The Old North State. Planning for any specific weather pattern is a dicey proposition at best since Mother Nature can change her mind with surprising speed, so we framed the start of our 2022 driving season to be “weather agnostic”. That turned out to be a particularly good idea given that the pandemic continues to drive us ever deeper into our understanding of the Greek alphabet and careful distancing remains the order of every day.

So, it was delightful to find the morning of January

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This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **25** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2874!** Our membership is the lifeblood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety

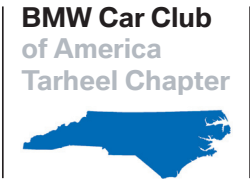
of activities, and welcome the opportunity to get to know you better at some of these events. We encourage you to contact your Area Coordinator to find out about local dinner meetings and other ways to get involved in YOUR club. Come join us, you'll have a great time!

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PAUL HOECKE *Notes from the road*  
Comfort Zones

Warning: Today's column may qualify as a literary example of the mission creep phenomenon I've written about before. You see, this was, initially, supposed to be a commentary about a book – well, actually not the book per se but a review – I came across the other day. But it ended up as what you are about to read: Musings by an antiquated car nut about why some of us may not be especially enamored with recent trends in automotive technology. So, let me back up a bit to where it all started.

What first caught my eye was the book's title: *Where is my Flying Car?* This resonated with me because (according to the reviewer) the book's author, J. Storrs Hall, is talking about the early promises of future technological marvels – things I'd read about years ago in sci-fi stories by Asimov, Clarke and Heinlein – and how (and why) some of them have materialized but others have not.

The reasons cited, pro and con, are tantalizing stuff, but I won't get into it now because, so far, I haven't read the book. What the review did trigger was thoughts about two aspects of technological innovations: (a) How they do, or don't, find their way into daily life. And (b), closer to home, why some of us BMW fans are not as ga-ga about Munich's latest, greatest offerings – be they fossil-fueled or electric (EVs) – as one might expect, preferring to spend time, energy and money on older models.

As I see it (based on my limited circle of like-minded friends) the (a) part isn't due to outright rejection of technology per se. Nor is it caused by any kind of tech-induced culture shock. After all, innovation rarely if ever spreads out, blanket-

fashion, overnight; it takes time for it to adapt to, and be adopted by, its 'target audience'. Which allows one to pick and choose what one is comfortable with.

Case in point: It has been nearly two years since my neighborhood started to show signs of the EV invasion, yet so far, that's still proceeding at a snail's pace. It started with a lone BMW i3, which makes its home about a mile away from my place. My first sighting of that weird, seemingly committee-designed shape sort of coincided with the departure of the E30 ragtop across the street when Dan, the owner, sold the house and moved away. A few months later, Janet next door sold her E36 convertible, just about when the other house across the street was bought by people whose vehicles include a Chevy Bolt. And now there's a Tesla in the driveway two houses to my left, which has me holding my breath in anticipation of the next arrival. (Let's hope it's something interesting, like a Lucid.)

Meanwhile, I'm the only BMW guy on the block, as most of the vehicles up and down the street are still the usual assortment of late-model, non-BMW, gas or diesel-powered SUVs and pickups. I'm quite comfortable with that; or would be, were it not for the fact that all but one of my Bimmers, the Z3, are of pre-current century vintage. Which gets me, in a very roundabout way, to my other main point today: Why some of us, including Yours Truly, prefer to play with 'mature' BMWs instead of their more modern counterparts.

Perhaps the shortest answer to that question is: We not only enjoy driving BMWs but are equally enthusiastic about tinkering, and older Bimmers offer us more rewarding experiences on



both counts than what's available in showrooms today and in next year's pipeline.

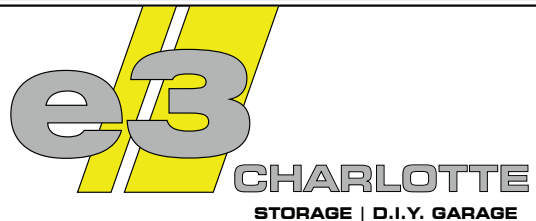
Of course, some of that appeal is personal, more subjective than practical. Like for instance, the notion that there's joy in driving may be associated with any BMW, old or new. However, I'd say one feels more connected while behind the wheel of an older BMW. (Once again, I'm speaking largely for myself, but friends have felt the same.) Maybe it's the absence of nanny features, which forces you to be more alert, more conscious of everything about the car and its environment. Or maybe it is its nimbleness, which I associate (rightly or wrongly) with it being lighter than its modern cousins. Or maybe it's all of the above. At least, these are my impressions whenever I get to compare a new 3-Series loaner from the local dealership to one of my cars. And as you know, perceptions count.

Since I have yet to drive an EV, I won't comment about EVs in this context except to say that it will be quite a while before I even think of trying one out. All I know is that, given my propensity

for 500-mile road trips, I am convinced that driving one, I'd be a nervous wreck, haunted by range anxiety. Any other popular complaints about EVs – like the lack of a throaty exhaust – pale in comparison as far as I am concerned.

Ultimately though, what makes mature BMWs so appealing to some of us fans of the marque is how easy they are to work on. (Though I'm sure you've heard this before, allow me to remind you that this is what brings all those 'show cars' to events such as The Vintage.) Sure, this makes regular maintenance and basic repairs a snap for even the least experienced wrench twirler. But their real appeal comes from their relatively simple, straightforward tech makeup.

The absence of complex electronics – especially infotainment and nanny gear unrelated to a car's basic operation – makes it so much easier for anyone with a touch of Black Forest Elf in their DNA to get creative, modify a car to their heart's content and, in effect, remake it into something uniquely their own. And that, my friends, may be a car nut's ultimate Nirvana.



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# CLUB RACING REPORT

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BY PAUL HOECKE

## Season To Kick Off Big Time at Road Atlanta, VIR

Well, fellow club racing fans. Here we go again!

As you read this, the green flag is about to fly at Road Atlanta. It will start the first race of the 2022 Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season, and as far as we can tell at this point, it's turning out to be quite a start. At least, it's what we expect, the emphasis being on the term 'expect'.

Truth is (editorial deadlines being what they are) we're filing this report more than a couple of weeks before the race. So, no amount of weasel words can disguise the fact that some of what you read today about this event is probably guesswork. However, we have enough preliminary info at this point to suggest that the event will indeed live up to our expectations.

For one thing, the host, Peachtree Chapter, is reverting to their traditional, pre-pandemic event format: Three full days (March 4-6) of racing on this popular Braselton, GA track, featuring four races, an enduro Friday, a sprint race Saturday and two sprints Sunday.

Another good omen is that even now, at press time, registrations are already pushing past the forty-entry mark. At least ten of them are Tarheel Chapter racers, competing in five of the ten classes represented at the event. What's more, the local contingent includes familiar names such as C-Mod speed king Charles Harding and Sri Hapuntantri, our top guy in D-Modified. Both are facing their main class rivals from last season, which virtually guarantees that the weekend will see some hot contests on the 2.5-mile track.

You'll find race results and any other stuff about this event in next month's report. In the meantime, though, you – and indeed all of us in Tarheel Land – ought to be marking our calendars for an even bigger event: The spring race at VIR (April 1-3).

Cohosted annually by our chapter and the Vintage Drivers Club of America (VDCA), the race has been the Main Event hereabouts for about as long as we've been running this column. But this year's version looks like it's going to outshine any and all its predecessors in recent memory.



Overall, the weekend's format remains a familiar one: Three days of racing, slotted in between vintage run groups, with Saturday designated as Club Race Outing Day, featuring a Tarheel Chapter hospitality tent, refreshments, and lunchtime parade laps for club members and their guests. But it's the scale, especially the size of the field, that's pretty staggering.

Even now, some six weeks before the first run group hits the track, registrations already number 110 entries. As Mike Hinkley, our chapter's CR go-to guy, puts it, this could be the largest BMW CCA Club Race ever! He adds that about half of the entrants are Spec E46 racers, which may require a set of dedicated E46 races; and that he is also working on replacing the traditional Saturday afternoon enduro with two sprint races. (We like that; it no doubt will spice things up for speed-

hungry spectators.)

Meanwhile, Chapter Membership Chair Jon Strine is coordinating things with Mike on the hospitality front. He expects to have in place a pop-up tent and tables, with simple snacks and drinking water, where Outing attendees can hang out, have lunch (BYO or VIR-bought), and stage for the parade laps (weather permitting). At last report, Jon was working on the link for the electronic waivers VIR requires. (You may find his detailed announcement elsewhere in this issue.)

In short, this is an event no club racing fan can afford to miss. So, mark your calendars, and be there!

## ON THE COVER:

We had 15 cars and 27 people join us at the rally point, The Grounds Cafe in Wendell. Chef Patrick and team did a great job with delivering breakfast and coffee delectable(s) in equal measure as we prepared for what turned out to be our first ever "urban driving adventure". Lots of new faces joined us for today's adventure, so old friends mixed with new as we took advantage of the strong rays of sun flowing through the glass eliminating last vestiges of the morning chill that greeted us in the parking lot.

After our drivers meeting, we hit the loud pedals and rolled east toward the Wilson County line. Lovely and meandering country roads gave us a chance to have a "carbon cleansing experience" and dance between apexes before making an abrupt shift and blasting toward Raleigh. Navigating our way across the south side of the city, we rolled into Pullen Park,

one of the many jewels to be found in the City of Oaks. A little chilly for either paddle boats or a spin on the carrousel, this was a great spot for a rally point before peeling off on a scavenger hunt to see murals that are hiding like Easter eggs in the tall grass all across town.

Bimmers, Bimmers, everywhere as we darted around finding these special art works that are hiding in very plain sight! Having found all out clues, we again accelerated, this time south, to check out yet another city park. This one, at Yates



Mill, celebrates 18th century grist mill technology in a setting that includes a nature preserve and stunning waterfalls. Also, the functional rest rooms were a big benefit at our journey's midpoint. After some sightseeing and more tire kicking, we were ready to jump back in the cockpits for additional stick time.



The last segment of the day's adventure took us on a brilliant country road sojourn to the bubbling metropolis of Fuquay-Varina where we landed at the Aviator microbrewery and kitchen. The Aviator team reserved the back room for us, and we cruised up to a surprisingly long list of

delightful hours.

Finally, after settling up with the barkeep, we saddled up for one last Bimmer Blast for the day, as we headed for home. Great cars, terrific friends, fantastic food, and world-class roads all make for an ideal start to what should be an epic year of driving adventures in Central North Carolina. So many places to go, so little time. The final act of the day on our end? A bubble bath for the M2. Now we're ready for our next bit of action. If you take care of the equipment, the equipment will take care of you! ~**Robert McIsaac**



locally made brews. These, of course, made the perfect complement to some amazingly good burgers, fries, fish and chips, wraps and other protein delivering devices. What a great place this is, surrounded by all manner of aviation memorabilia and brewing hardware. Lunch in this sort of nirvana actually lasted the better part of two



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# Baby Bimmers... Babies and Bimmers... Two Different Things!

On February 5th, the Triangle Area planned for a return visit to Chapel Hill to enjoy the fine food and beverages at the Top of the Hill micro-brewery with a chaser adventure to the planetarium on the University of North Carolina campus. Trips in February are always a dicey proposition given the opportunity for Mother Nature to show her worst in our coldest month of the year. Since we had 3 weekends in a row with ice and snow, the fingers were all crossed that things would go well.

We needn't have worried. It dawned brilliantly sunny with the temps close to 50. That's our idea of winter! Forming up at Leith BMW, we had a special guest in the form of Chris from Hagerty Insurance. He announced that he was buying a round of beverages at lunch, which led to cheers. He also announced, however, that he was on baby alert and might need to have a rain check if a call came from home inspiring a race to the delivery room. We all laughed of course. And the call never came.

Karen and I also announced a Baby Watch thing. Our son and daughter-in-law were expecting their second son to arrive soon and we had to skip lunch in order to complete travel plans to head to San Francisco. Ironically, we did get the call on the way home from Chapel Hill to do

whatever we could to get on the plane NOW. Water broke while we were in transit, and he was 12 hours old by the time we landed at SFO. Mother, Father, Brother and Grandparents are all reported to be fine. The curiosity now is how our kids will get two car seats into either an E90 335 or a Mini Convertible. This should be fun to watch.

Back in Raleigh, however, we had a stunning turnout with 18 cars and 34 people making time for a Bimmer Adventure. The predominant car of

the day was the 2-series, in both M and Regular form. Baby Bimmers everywhere!

Long distance award went to a team from Fort Mill, SOUTH Carolina. A father and son team joined from Fayetteville. A set of twin 7-year-old girls noted that it was fun especially when we did "exuberant takeoffs".

After a quick driver's (not to be confused with a quick-drivers) meeting, we were off! A new route through Raleigh got us on quiet country roads easily and we blitzed toward the bucolic town of Butner. Carefully navigating through this old military base town, we were able to squeeze the loud pedals a bit to experience the joy of Bimmering at its finest. Turning north around Stagville is where, if you look carefully, you can see vintage tanks and other bits of military hardware hiding in the shadows to





protect the roads from errant riffraff.

Turning toward Hillsborough, we left the WWII memorabilia behind and rolled toward the Revolutionary War era. Beautiful old farms and rolling hillsides grace this part of The Old North State and the roads were all laid out by farmers from a by-gone era.

One little challenge as we re-entered the 21st century was a road closed for "police activity". Lots of broken glass and bent metal meant we had to alter the route and go "freestyling". With the GPS shouting "Re-calculating!", we forged a near-off road part to the adventure. Everyone survived.



Finally, back more or less on our targeted route, we pointed the kidney grills south toward the college town of Chapel Hill. It turned out we managed to pick the day for our adventure that

coincided with a UNC basketball game. Making it "worse", it was the UNC-Duke game on the UNC campus. Adding to the drama, this was also slated to be Coach K's last trip to the Dean Dome to lead the Blue Devils onto the hardwood. In summary, Chapel Hill promised to be a mob scene.

We managed to find our way to an ancient parking deck downtown which had not yet been stormed by round-ball

## Spring 2022 M Club Day

### Big Fun @ BMW Performance Center!

#### What and Where:

- Each year, the Tarheel and National Capital BMWCCA Chapters sponsor major events at the BMW Performance Center in Greer, South Carolina. These events give us access to the facilities and the instructors at a remarkable location ... at a deeply discounted price. This school is a special program designed by the Performance Center staff specifically for our chapter members.
- The price (\$750 / person) covers the training sessions ... and the use of current model ///M Cars for the event. M2's, M3's, M4's and M5's were the highlight of the adventure in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. We expect more of the same for the coming year. Best of all perhaps, is the opportunity to have a great learning and driving experience while using someone else's Gas, Tires and Oil!
- Remember the old adage that "no car is faster than a rental!".

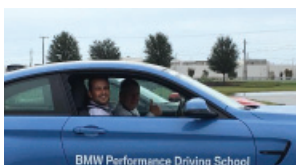
#### When:

- The **spring** event(s) are April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (two separate events)

#### Next Steps

- Registration now open: [Spring 2022 Registration](https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/spring-2022-m-club-day-bmw-performance-center-east-cca-national-capital-082209)
- <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/spring-2022-m-club-day-bmw-performance-center-east-cca-national-capital-082209>

Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at [Robert.McIsaac@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:Robert.McIsaac@tarheelbmwcca.org). Or check out the National Capital Chapter website: <https://www.nccbmwcca.org/driving-events/m-club-day/>





fans. We also managed to get to The Top of the Hill 14 minutes before they opened, making up first in line for food! The crowd settled in for some delicious food and some brilliant brews. A great time was had by all! The “astronaut” show at the planetarium was equally terrific, although coupled with a nice porter or lager, may well have been nap inducing.

My naviguesor and I, however, couldn’t stay for the full show because we needed to head for home to pack and leisurely prepare to head to The Bay Area to wait for our grandson’s arrival. Half-way home from Chapel Hill, we got word that

the water had broken ... and that this clearly not a cooling system problem. Put the hammer down!

We rearranged flights, parked our beloved

dog with friends, packed our bags and were in NorCal within 24 hours of the water-breaking news. 12 hours after a glorious new addition made it to our family. February 5, 2022 will be a day we all remember long into the future.

Of course, this does beg a serious question. Which grandson will eventually inherit my

father’s beloved E30? That’s a question I hope to answer around 2050. Clearly, a First World issue!

~Robert McIsaac



# Bimmers to Oriental

A day of blue skies, dry roads, and a good time happened for Down East, Hurricane, and Triangle members. Seven cars ferrying 13 folks to the Sailing Capital of NC began the trek from their homes to coordinated meet up locations. The two Z's from Beaufort traveled to the Cherry Branch Minnesott Ferry terminal to cross the Neuse River aboard the ferry. Once on the opposite shore, they made two quick right turns to the parking lot adjacent to the ferry terminal. A variety of models (M3, 340i, 135i, 650i, and Z4) connected at the corner of NC 55 and 306 in Grantsboro before making the way down NC 306 to Minnesott Beach to pick up the two other Z's. Upon arrival at the parking lot, everyone quickly ejected from their seats to begin conversing where we left off last meeting. What a great group of people! With hunger overcoming all, we ended car talk and all, started engines, and in single file formation, we were off to the Toucan Grill and Fresh Bar. We reversed direction of NC 306 to head eastward on NC 1302 and then the final stretch on Oriental Road to arrive at our destination a few minutes before noon. It was a brisk jaunt filled with fun maneuvering the layout of the smooth pavement through the countryside. As we turned onto Wall Street, heads turned seeing the cadre of gleaming BMWs coming to rest alongside the waterfront.

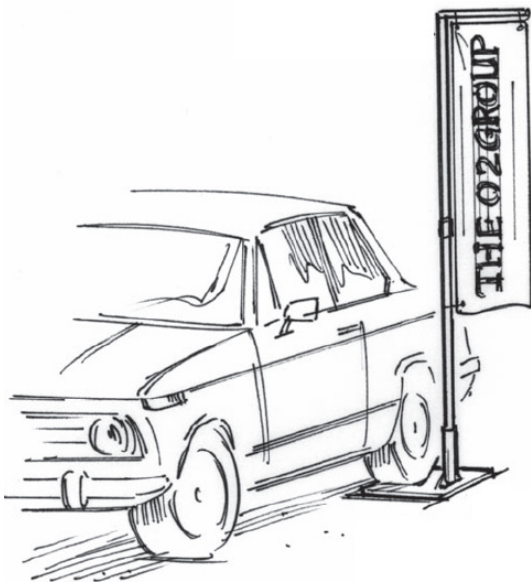
A short saunter to the restaurant, we were greeted by the hostess and promptly seated as a group. Ashley took our orders and then we listened to one of our member's adventure on an African safari. The accounting was enjoyed by all, especially hearing about seeing a black mother rhino and her calf. Her encounter with driver ants brought to mind the scene in Indian Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull! Afterwards we continued chatting and devouring our delectable

eats and imbibing beverages. You have to try the Mahi Mahi sandwich. For a post-Valentine's Day celebration treat, everyone received a gift bag of chocolate kisses for dessert. With the lunchtime meal over, we ventured across the street to the Village Gallery to view art work from local and NC artisans. A favorite of mine was a sunset scene by Pappy Khouri. In another artist's work, the mane of a pony was so real you just wanted to reach out and touch, but we didn't. Next stop was The Bean for ice cream. Oh yeah, it too was enjoyed.



Three o'clock rolled around before we knew it and folks realized they had to forego visiting the historical museum. Evening commitments for some and four-legged friends needing their companions brought an end to a fantastic day. With tailpipes reverberating, one by one, Bimmers departed Oriental except one. Jude and I stayed a bit longer to enjoy a walk through the town and to end our time at the museum. Greeted by the docent, she presented an oral accounting of how the town changed its name from Smith's Creek to Oriental. In 1886 a post office was established at Smith's Creek by the United States Post Office Department. As the story goes, the postmaster's wife either found the name plate of the wrecked sailing steamer, the Oriental, on a beach at the outer banks or saw the nameplate in a home in Manteo. Either way, the postmaster's wife thought the name was befitting and the town's name was changed a few years after establishment of the post office. A small museum at that, but chocked full of historic documents, artifacts, antiques, and of course, a drawing of the ship Oriental. Having overstayed the closing hour of the museum at the hospitality of the docent, it was time to hit the road for home. Another great Bimmer day! ~Alex Kordis





## Hundred Dollar BBQ Run!

Chasing The (Alleged) Best BBQ in NC in **2022!**



- What: A cruise to Carthage, NC, to the Pik 'n Pig ... a great opportunity for "Dinner and an Air Show". This is the place folks fly into with their planes for the aforementioned \$100 sandwich. It will be considerably less costly in a Bimmer ... but no less fun!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for breakfast and/or coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks at 180 Cabela Drive, Garner, NC 27529
- Objective: A great day, an awesome meal, a terrific show and some fascinating photo ops. Pik 'n Pig is located at 194 Gilliam McConnell Road, Carthage, NC 28327
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.





# BMW CCA Club Race Outing

## Watch the race and drive some parade laps



- What: A great chance to watch the races and drive some parade laps at noon.  
Talk to the club racers and watch the teams work on their cars in the paddock.
- When: Saturday, **April 2, 2022 10am to 2pm**. Races continue all day.  
**Since this is outdoors, as long as VIR is open we won't let COVID stop us.**
- Where: VIR...Virginia International Raceway
- Cost: Admission is paid to VIR at the Main Gate on the day of the event.
- Parking: TBD as VIR may be making some changes. **RSVP so we can keep you updated via email.**

**Parade laps will be conducted around 12 noon with mandatory drivers' meeting at 11:45 AM.**

Only BMWs and MINIs are permitted on the parade laps. When you arrive, visit the Tarheel tent/table to check in and get more instructions. All drivers and passengers must sign the waiver and get an arm band.  
**Avoid the rush by checking in prior to 11:45 AM or signing the electronic waiver below.**

For more info contact: Jon Strine at [jonbmw@pm.me](mailto:jonbmw@pm.me) or 919-670-1280.

Sign the electronic waiver at <https://ews.bmwcca.org/sign/01fdypzh4kndneczmv8ftane3>



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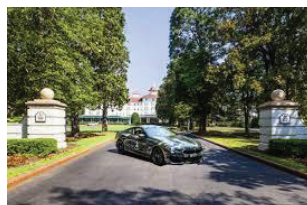


# Bimmers Puttering To Pinehurst

## Scrambling Through The Sandhills in Fall



- What: A chance to get out and stretch the BMWs legs on an adventure to the bucolic town of Pinehurst. Famous for shopping, golfing and great walk-about, it also home to some fine dining and cool microbreweries. Saddling up the Bimmers is a great way to roll toward winter.
- When: Depart on Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks at 180 Cabela Drive, Garner, NC 27529.
- Objective: Terrific downtown tour of the iconic golf resort and cute town central to the Sandhills Region. Terrific opportunity to grab some grub and a cold 'n frost one at the Pinehurst Brewing Company ... <https://www.pinehurstbrewing.com/kitchen-1>
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.

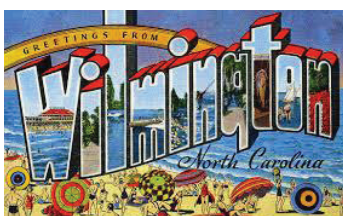


# Wonderful Wilmington - 2022

## Independence Day Celebration at the Coast



- What: An adventure filled ride to a crown jewel on the North Carolina coast, the Port City of Wilmington. This is a family friendly event that the inner child in all of us can enjoy!!! We'll do this to start the New Year. Also a chance to see the USS North Carolina, a surviving memorial to all the sacrifices made in World War II.
- When: Saturday, **July 9, 2022 at 10am**. Coffee and tire kicking at 9am.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks parking lot at the White Oak Shopping Center in Garner. Feel free to come any time after 9 for tire kickin', story tellin' and coffee. Address for Starbucks is 180 Cabela Drive Garner, NC 27529
- Who: Rob McIsaac is organizing the event from The Triangle.
- Objective: A great lunch at the Front Street Brewery on the Wilmington waterfront. From there, many attractions await including the USS North Carolina, the Seaboard Railroad Museum and a water taxi tour of the area.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way. If we roll at 10, expect to be home between 6 and 7pm.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



# Bimmers Soaring With Eagles

Cape Fear Raptor Center, German Café and More!



- What: A great drive, a visit to an impressive raptor center, a tour of the German Café in Wilmington! All of this and a chance to kick tires with friends too. Bimmers and Raptors, soaring again.
- When: Saturday, **April 9, 2022** at 10am. Coffee and tire kicking at 9am.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks parking lot at the White Oak Shopping Center in Garner. Feel free to come any time after 9 for tire kickin', story tellin' and coffee. Address for Starbucks is 180 Cabela Drive Garner, NC 27529
- Who: Rob McIsaac and Pete Osta are organizing the event from The Triangle.
- Objective: A great lunch at the German Cafe in the old Cotton Exchange on the Wilmington waterfront..
- Duration: Figure 2.5 hours of driving each way. If we roll at 10, expect to be home between 6 and 7pm.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.

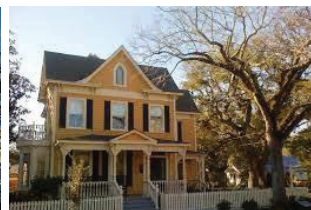
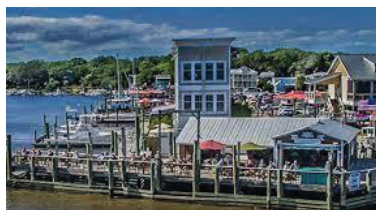
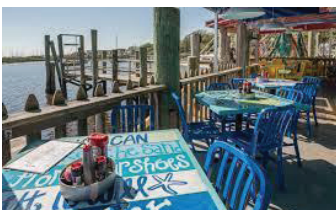


# Bimmers Setting Sail

Southport, Here We Come!



- What: A post-pandemic weekend adventure away down at the epic, historic, town of Southport. A relaxed getaway, with a chance to cruise the downtown explore the ferry to Bald Head Island, walk the waterfront and / or stretch your feet on sandy beaches. So much to do, so little time!
- When: Depart on Friday, **May 13, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast with Chef Patrick.
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591.
- Objective: Terrific tour “down the shore”, with some fine food and great sightseeing. Many hotels and B&B options including The Robert Ruark Inn (<https://robertruarkinn.com/>) and a Hampton Inn..
- Duration: A long weekend, leaving on Friday morning ... home on Sunday afternoon.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



# LOCAL SCENE

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## **ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER**

Date: **Last Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Different Location Each Month

All BMW marques are welcome (cars, motorcycles, Mini, Rolls, etc.).

Contact Chris Joyner at [mrBimmer@fastmail.com](mailto:mrBimmer@fastmail.com) for more information.

## **CAPE FEAR AREA**

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:00 pm

Where:

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

## **CHARLOTTE AREA I DINNER**

Date: **3rd Thursday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Waldhorn Restaurant  
12101 Lancaster Hwy (Old Hwy 521)  
Pineville, NC  
(Located near Carolina Place Mall)  
(704) 540-7047

We're still hanging out at the Waldhorn Restaurant on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Chris Webber at (704) 906-8876 or e-mail at [christopher.b.webber@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.b.webber@gmail.com) to RSVP. Please join us (great German food and beer). See you there!

## **CHARLOTTE AREA II**

Date: **1st Thursday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Changes each month

Please email Kyle Lombardi at [clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com](mailto:clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com) or Taylor Ward at [tward430@yahoo.com](mailto:tward430@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **DOWNEAST AREA BREAKFAST** (Greenville, Wilson

Rocky Mt)

Date:

## **18 TARHEEL CHAPTER FOOTNOTES**

Time:

Where:

Email Alex Kordis for information at [alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org)

## **HURRICANE REGION AREA** (New Bern, Jacksonville, Morehead City)

Email Alex Kordis for information at [alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org)

## **NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER**

Date: **2nd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Booneshine Brewery  
465 Industrial Park Drive  
Boone, NC 28607  
828-278-8006

Cost: Only what you eat and drink.

Contacts: John Cochrane ([jgcochrane1968@gmail.com](mailto:jgcochrane1968@gmail.com)) or Mike Langley ([michaelrlangley@aol.com](mailto:michaelrlangley@aol.com))

A fun gathering of BMW friends for a discussion of all things car related.

## **ROANOKE AREA**

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where:

To be announced each month by email.

Contact Scott Donaldson at [roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com](mailto:roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com) for more information.

## **SANDHILLS AREA**

Date: **4th Wednesday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: ScrubOaks  
5780 Ramsey St #108  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

ScrubOaks is a contemporary american restaurant that also offers a great sports bar setting. Many regulars frequent the Kings Grant golf club and stop by afterward for a meal. Wednesdays offer half off wine (bottle and glass)

<http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>



Contact Danny Miller for more information mperformancelife@gmail.com

**TRIAD AREA WEST DINNER** (Winston-Salem)

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**  
Time: 6:00 p.m. Drinks, 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Where: Sixty Six Grill and Taphouse  
3440 Frontis Street  
Winston-Salem 27103

Please contact Marc Schatell for more information at marc@tarheelbmwcca.org

**TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER** (Greensboro)

Date: **1st Tuesday each month**  
Time: 6:30 p.m. Drinks, Dinner  
Where: Elizabeth's Pizza ( the covered patio)  
3927 battleground Avenue  
Greensboro, NC 27410

Please contact Fraser Dick for more information at fraserdick14@gmail.com

**TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (RALEIGH)**

Date: **3rd Tuesday each month**  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Where:

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

Please contact Robert McIsaac for more information at raleigh.bmwcca.activities@gmail.com

**TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)**

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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## BMW CARS FOR SALE:

**1984 BMW 318i** Manual 5 speed with less than 70,000 miles. This car has had a top end rebuild, a new clutch, new driveshaft (with flex disc and trans mount), new brakes, new control arms (with mounts & bushings), new fuel pumps and all maintenance records are available. It comes with good Hankook tires and 14" basketweaves (the original bottlecaps wheels are included). The exterior is delphin grey over beige interior (all original). It is set up for track day fun with rear seat, radio, and a/c delete (all parts come with it to reinstall if so desired). The car runs great and has had a recent tune up to include valve adjustment (with cover gasket), distributor rotor and cap, spark plugs and wires, air filter, and oil/filter change. Many spare parts included. Price is open for discussion - I'm thinking \$5,000. Call Howard at 828-726-4026 for more information and pictures.

**2004 BMW 330ci** Good condition. Purchased 2017 with 165K miles from a BMW mechanic friend. Currently has 191,000 miles. Improvements and repairs since mid-2017 (about \$5000 worth)  
Replacement auto trans (Steptronic w/53K miles in 2017)  
Transmission cooler, fluid, fluid lines  
Oil filter stand gasket  
Crankcase ventilation system  
Intake manifold gasket  
Radiator, lower radiator hose

Thermostat, coolant  
Coolant Expansion Reservoir  
Drive belts, idler pulleys  
NGK spark plugs  
Front brakes, rear brakes, front rotors  
Control arm bushings  
Front struts  
Engine oil level sensor  
Oil thermostat  
Duralast battery (new Nov 2018)  
Transmission fluid thermostat (April 2019)  
Stereo system, new door speakers  
Guibo & driveshaft support replaced (Feb 2021) Bimmer Logic\*  
Transmission mounts replaced (Feb 2021) Bimmer Logic  
Crankshaft position sensor replaced (Mar 2021) Bimmer Logic  
Rear trailing arms bushings (both) (May 2021) Bimmer Logic  
Oil pan gasket replaced (\$1200)/  
new motor mounts (Oct. 2021) Bimmer Logic \$2000 obo. Winter tires on Style 68 (same as original) rims (Blizzak 205/17) \$300. White exterior, tan interior. All lights and gauges work. Car was rear-ended in 2019, minimal sheet-metal damage, but since the repair would have exceeded the value of the car, it was declared a write-off. New bumper was installed. Title indicates value. Three keys. \*Bimmer Logic is an Asheville BMW shop just off Airport Road. Luke is owner/head mechanic. Other work performed at various Asheville indy BMW garages. VIN WBAB-D53444PL10106  
Jerry Plotkin - [Candler.plotkingb@gmail.com](mailto:Candler.plotkingb@gmail.com)

**2019 BMW M2 Competition** 6-speed manual, no sunroof, no mods. Just 6,900 miles. Exceptional condition. One owner, non-smoker and all services performed locally at Flow BMW Winston Salem. Hockenheim Silver Metallic (exclusive for the M2 Comp's debut model), Black Dakota leather/alcantara with blue stitching). Executive Package (heated steering wheel, adaptive LED headlights, auto high beam, wireless charging, Wifi Hotspot). Xpel clear bra on front, partial hood, door edges and rear fender wells. \$64,500.

Call Steve Whitcomb (336) 908-4351.

## BMW PARTS FOR SALE:

**HRE FlowForm FF01 7 spoke mesh wheels** Liquid Silver color. Fronts are 19x8.5 ET30. Rears are 19x10 ET40. Wheels are in very good-excellent condition and are \$2,900 new. Tires are Michelin Pilot Sport 4S. Fronts are 235/40R19. Rears are 265/35R19. They were new last May for \$1,328.84 and have very low miles. Only parting with these because I have sold my 2015 BMW 435ix. Call Mark in Pisgah Forest at 828-885-7747 or 414-322-1069.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

**Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Email List** Join us online: The "list" provides a casual, online forum for chapter members to discuss BMW's and BMW CCA events and related topics of interest to local members. Basically it's a sort of electronic discussion board, almost anything is free game, as long as it has some connection to BMW's (no matter how remote the connection might be).

To join the list surf on out to: <http://www.topica.com/lists/tarheelbmw/> Info on how to subscribe or unsubscribe can be found on this page. If you want a shortcut to subscribe- simply send an email to [tarheelbmw-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:tarheelbmw-subscribe@topica.com). (make sure you send the email from the email address that you want to receive the list messages!!)

**THE 02 GROUP** A special interest group for 2002 owners in NC. For more information about the group and how to join, check out our website: [www.the02group.org](http://www.the02group.org)

**The Z-Series Car Club of America (ZSCCA)** is a national special interest group of BMWCCA dedicated to the enjoyment of all Z-Series BMW's. Several local groups are active in VA and NC. Find us on Facebook, or at [zscca.org](http://zscca.org)



## Registration is now open for The Vintage 2022 May 19-21, 2022

- Thursday May 19 - Fun Rally
- Friday May 20 - Open House at BMW CCA Foundation, and hanging at the Clarion that evening
- Saturday May 21 - The big gathering of vintage BMWs at Hot Springs Resort and Span in Hot Springs, NC

**PLEASE NOTE: the event website is not updated with 2022 information yet.**

The Clarion Inn Asheville Airport is once again the host hotel. I'm not sure if they have our group rates set up yet , but mention "BMW CAR SHOW" when you book a room (828) 684-1213 . They are usually overwhelmed with calls this first day so please keep trying. I will have group rates in place for other nearby hotels soon.

# END GAME

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Photo by Alex Kordis



*Can't help but stare at a BMW!*

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### **WANTED: Your photos and stories.**

Got a tale to tell about your Bimmer, photos you want to share with your fellow ***Footnotes*** readers, or just a suggestion?

Email your submissions to [newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org).

Come on, you can do it...  
We would love to hear from you!



# Riding With The King!

## An Early Spring Cruise to the Richard Petty Museum



- What: A spirited, family friendly, adventure to Central NC's storied town of Randleman to see The King of stock car racing's museum. An epic tour of NC and NASCAR history, followed by a terrific lunch and a cold brew in Asheboro. The museum is located at 309 Branson Mill Rd, Randleman, NC
- When: Depart on Saturday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at **10:00am**. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable family outing that promises terrific roads ... and some iconic Italian eats. Lunch will be at Positano, 130 C, S Church St, Asheboro, NC. Then a hop to Four Saints Brewing, 218 S Fayetteville St, Asheboro.
- Duration: Figure 6-7 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012



# Bimmers Rolling to Danville Tank Museum!

## Tankers Racing Toward Fall in South Side Virginia ...



- What: While falls colors may be on our mind in early September, we can still make it to Danville to visit the iconic Tank Museum just North of the Border. Tanks, Bimmers and great dining make a great combo for our September adventure!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable family outing that promises nice roads, a tour of fascinating American military hardware and terrific food. Danville has a great downtown to wander about, historic sites ... and lunch at the Golden Leaf Bistro (215 Craghead St, Danville, VA).
- Duration: Figure 5-8 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



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